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Iran opposition rally cancelled

The leading opposition contender in Iran's presidential election, Mir-Hossein Mousavi, has cancelled a rally planned for later today. Mr Mousavi has condemned the election result, but President Ahmadinejad insists he was fairly re-elected. From Tehran, Jon Leyne reports:

Just hours before the rally was due to start, the leading **opposition** candidate, Mir-Hossein Mousavi, **announced** that the demonstration was cancelled because it had not **received official permission**. I understand from sources close to Mr Mousavi that he was warned that the police and Basij militia had been given authorisation for the first time **to use live rounds** if the demonstration went ahead.

A smaller **rally** is **in progress** in Tehran University at the moment, being addressed by Mr Mousavi's wife Zahra Rahnavard. She's told students that the **rally** was cancelled because they were worried that the lives of those **attending** could be in danger. Reports from her **rally indicate** that **paramilitaries** are trying **to break it up**. Students are taking cover in a mosque.

Jon Leyne, BBC News, Tehran

Vocabulary and definitions

opposition	here, a political power (e.g. a political party or movement) that speak and/or act against the government in a country
announced	said officially and publicly
received official permission	been allowed to go ahead by the authorities
to use live rounds	to fire real bullets and/or shells that can explode and kill people
rally	a gathering of people (usually organised by a political power)
in progress	taking place
attending	taking part in it
indicate	show, tell, prove
paramilitaries	here, people assisting official military forces
to break it up	to stop it, to force the participants to go

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